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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Lieven Leopold Albertine TRAPPENIERS, Rudolph Henri Adriaan SIEBELINK, Harald Einte HOLWERDA  
COUPLING SECTION/CONFIGURATION THROUGH SERVICE PARAMETERS  
**Assignee: ALCATEL**  
Our Ref. Q78312

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 29 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE  
CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	17 - 20 =	x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent claims	11 - 3 =	x \$86.00 =	\$688.00

Base Fee

**TOTAL FILING FEE**

Recordation of Assignment

**TOTAL FEE**

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1458.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

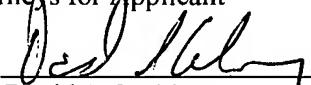
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Europe	02293155.4	December 19, 2002

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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